

MAILS EXPECTED

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. and O. steamer *Khedive*, with next English mail, left Singapore at 8 a.m. the 17th, and is due here on the 22nd inst.

THE AMERICAN MAILS.

The O. and O. steamer *Arabic*, with the American mail, left Yokohama on the 15th, and may be expected to arrive here on the 21st inst.

The O. and O. steamer *Oceanic*, with the succeeding American mail, left San Francisco the 6th June, and may be looked for here on about the 4th July.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Union Line steamer *Strathmore* left Singapore on the 15th, and may be expected arrive here on or about the 22nd instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Laertes* left Singapore on the morning of the 15th, and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst.

The steamer *Glenearn* left Singapore on the 17th, and may be looked for here on or about the 23rd instant.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Adonia* left Singapore on the morning of the 17th, and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is also corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Bangkok.—Per Consolation, to-day, 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Swatow and Amoy.—Per *Atholl*, to-day, the 21st inst., at 1.30 P.M.
 For Saigon.—Per *Olympia*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Swatow.—Per *China*, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 7.30 A.M.
 For Foochow, Port Darwin, Thaidy land, Cocktown, Townsville, Koppel Bay, Bone, Sydney, Melbourne, &c.—Per *Elbing*, to-day, the 23rd instant, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per *Nam*, to-day, the 25th instant, at 5.00 A.M.
 For Pontianak, Batavia, Samarang and Surabaya.—Per *Atjeh*, on Monday, the 26th, inst., at 2.30 P.M.
 For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Zambesi*, to-day, the 26th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

His Excellency the Administrator has been pleased to approve of the following Hours closing the English Mails till further notice, the days mentioned below:—

Thursday, June	22nd.
Do. July	6th.
Do. "	20th.
Do. Aug.	3rd.
Do. "	17th.
Do. "	31st.

3.00 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.

4.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Printing of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

5.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
5.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until
5.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.
6.00 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on the packet with late fee of 10 cents, newspapers without late fee, until 9.30 P.M. when the Supplementary Mail will close; Circulars will be retained to Post Office.
After 9.30 P.M. Letters may be placed in Loose Box for treatment at Singapore.

MAILS BY THE U. S. PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched on TUESDAY.

DAY, the 27th inst., with Mails for Japan, Francisco, the United States, Canada, Home Ports, &c., which will be closed as follows: 2.15 P.M. Registry closes. 2.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with a Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

+ The Postal Guide published in 1879 being somewhat out of date, a revised issue is put in the *Chronicle and Directory* for 1882, which supersedes all previous editions.

To provide means of remitting small amounts of money to the Colonies, the following

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$50 in value, must be perfectly clear of any blemish, and must be of good condition, and in strips of at least two inches in length. No separate Stamps will be purchased. The Stamps must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

Letters containing Stamps should be registered, and the Stamps should be secured by observation.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

Letters, per 4 oz.	10 Cts.
Post Cards, each	2 Cts.
Books, Patterns, and Commercial Papers, per 3 oz.	3 Cts.
Newspapers & Prices Current, each	2 Cts.
Registration	10 Cts.
Do. with return receipt ..	15 Cts.

Commercial papers, signify such papers though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The shipping is the same as for Books, but all packets of under 4 oz. weight are charged 5 Cents.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY MAIL.

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When it is desired to forward letters to United States by a sailing ship which is notified as carrying a mail, little only necessary; post the letters in the ordinary way, mail with the name of the ship, and prepaid to the proper half ounce as usual. The Post Office undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondences. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

No responsibility can be accepted in this department for erroneous replies to verbal enquiries or to notes addressed to subordinates officers. If drafts toll off to seal stamps should expediently be forwarded or able to give correct information.

tion. The Postal Guide alone is the standard
all points on which such information may
be required.

LOCAL AND INDIAN PARCEL POST.

1.—Small Parcels may be sent by Post at B
Rates between Hongkong and any of the Eri
Post Offices in China, as well as Japan, Ma
Pakhei, the Straits Settlements, and In
They must not exceed the following dimensi
2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weigh
than lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in
2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if
bear this special endorsement, Parcel contain
no letter, but any parcel may be opened by
direction of the Postmaster General. In the Cas

TEA MUSTERS.
Persons who send Musters of Tea thro the Post in Tins are requested to have them made flat or square instead of round, as it is possible to pack round tins securely in the bags. It is believed that the tea will be more safely in flat tins, which are not so liable as round ones to be bulged in.
4 by 3 by 12 inches is suggested as a good size. The tins should not have sharp corners.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Office not sealed, that is to say, the boxes fastened with sealing wax, but there is no precaution of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognizable seal, and of sending a book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to what the contents of the box ever received at the Post Office; the omission of the former, whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps,

